GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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EYE DONATION
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA;RUDRAGOUDA PATIL

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated total number of eyes donated by people to the eye banks throughout the country for the last three years as on July 31;

(b) the estimated total persons in the country who have agreed in writing (given bonds) to donate their eyes after their death;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is a substantial increase in their number during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (d) : The total number of eyes donated to the various eye banks in the country in the last three years, as per updated information received from Eye Bank Association of India, are 15,194 in 1998, 12,174 in 1999 and 19,069 in 2000.

The total number of persons who have agreed to donate their eyes (in writing), as per information received from the Eye Bank Association of India, is 46,236. However, no comments can be made on the trends on the basis of information available.